

SUPERIOR, WI – Seventh District Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI) was in Superior today to be briefed on plans to use \$2 million in federal funding obtained by Obey to assist with the expansion and improvement of Fraser Shipyards.

Fraser Shipyards has been building and repairing vessels for nearly 120 years with both dry dock and floating repair facilities. Currently, it employs up to 125 people during the winter months and has 30 full-time employees during the shipping season. The planned expansion could mean as many as 100 additional jobs at the facility.

“This project will help ensure Fraser remains competitive, so it can continue to employ people long into the future,” Obey said.

Fraser Shipyards is embarking on a three-phase, \$10 million-plus expansion of the shipyard which would add or improve on 100 acres of sheet piling to its existing docking facility to enable it to work on more vessels and speed service.

In 2009, Senator Bob Jauch, Assemblyman Nick Milroy and Governor Jim Doyle teamed up to secure \$3.7 million for the first phase of the project with funding through the State Harbor Assistance Program, administered by the City of Superior, with a required 20 percent match from Fraser. The \$2 million in federal funds obtained by Obey will build on that foundation.

“This is a great example of private industry working cooperatively with government at every level, federal, state and local,” Obey said.

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